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Family Combat Service Policies Are Explained

Defense Department has defined differences in two recent announcements concerning deferment from assignment to South Vietnam of members of the same family and a new policy on sole surviving sons.

In a memorandum to Secretaries of the military departments, Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara said, "It is my desire that where one member of the armed forces is serving with a military unit in South Vietnam, another member of the same family, upon his request, will be deferred from military assignment to South Vietnam until completion of the first member's tour."

The memorandum continues, "Family members, upon request, will be similarly deferred during a period in which another family member is in a captured or missing status incident to Vietnam service.

"For the purposes of this policy, family members are considered to include the father, mother, and all brothers and sisters who are on active duty in the armed forces of the United States."

DOD officials explained that the "family deferment" policy applies only to those individuals in Vietnam, and requires the individual to apply for the deferment.

A DOD policy announced in July permits the administrative discharge of "sole surviving sons." The policy applies to members of the armed forces except during period of war or national emergency declared by Congress.

"Sole surviving son" under the new policy is defined as the only remaining son in a family in which a father, brother or sister was killed, died, or permanently 100 percent disabled as a result of military service."

The policy does not apply to a situation in which there is one son in the family originally.

Hoopes to Succeed Yarmolinsky

Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara has appointed Townsend Hoopes to succeed Adam Yarmolinsky as Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs (ISA).

Mr. McNamara said Mr. Yarmolinsky is leaving government service Aug. 31 to take a professorship at Harvard Law School.

CARIBOU BRIEFING—Lt. Col. John F. Yelton, USAF (right), is briefed on the mission of the CV-2 Caribou aircraft in Vietnam by Maj. Maynard A. Austin, USA, Commander, 57th Aviation Company at Vung Tau. Air Force pilots and mechanics will take over operation and mission of the front line supply aircraft Jan. 1.

Bill Would Create Senior EM Billet for Each Service

Legislation before Congress would give the President authority to appoint, with the advice and consent of the Senate, four non-commissioned officers to serve as senior enlisted man for their respective services.

A bill (H.R. 16553) introduced by House Armed Services Committee Chairman L. Mendel Rivers (D.-S.C.) calls for establishing "the positions of Sergeant Major of the Army, Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy, Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps, and Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force."

The Army recently appointed a Sergeant Major, and the Marine Corps has had one for nine years, but these positions are not established by legislation.

The bill describes each of the senior enlisted jobs as assisting the service secretary and chief of staff "in matters concerning enlisted personnel."

It also prescribes E-9 pay grade and proficiency pay entitlement at the highest rate for any military skill.

Washington Memos

ONE OF LARGEST warrant officer procurement programs is underway by Army. New warrant officer slots in 45 different MOSs have been opened for qualified active Army enlisted men and National Guard and Reserve Warrant Officers not on active duty. Twenty skills being offered are on list for first time.

NASA MONEY BILL signed by President authorizes $5,000,419,000 for FY67. When signing bill, Mr. Johnson said it reaffirms 1961 historic decision to lead in space exploration and peaceful uses of space. "It enables us to move ahead toward our goal to send men to the moon and back in this decade," he added.

U.S. NAVAL SUPPORT Activity, Da Nang, RVN, increased its monthly supply output by 15 percent during July with record through-put of 133,144 short tons.

NEGOTIATIONS ARE UNDERWAY for an Air Force-Coast Guard officer exchange program. Coast Guard program, in area of rescue and recovery, would involve five officers exchanged on one-for-one basis for 24-month tours. When USAF-CG exchange negotiations are agreed upon, Air Force will have 127 officers performing duty with other U.S. services and four foreign nations.

OPERATION SHED LIGHT is new Air Force program to improve night operational capability in shortest possible time. Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. J. P. McConnell told congressional committee recently the recommended program consists not only of near-term solutions. It is also designed to apply current technology to continuing and accelerated effort toward improvements in navigation, illuminating devices, night sensors, target marking, and weapons delivery.

TOTAL TONNAGE BEING discharged in Port of Saigon currently is 330,000 monthly, consisting of 150,000 tons U.S. military cargo and 180,000 tons USAID/commercial cargo.

UNITED STATES MILITARY is responsible for discharge and delivery of the 150,000 tons of military cargo, plus 96,000 tons of Central Purchasing Authority material. Military cargo is delivered to various military installations in area while the CPA cargo is delivered to Government of Vietnam or AID warehouses.

IN PORT OF SAIGON area U.S. military has control over and exclusive use of 13 warehouses. There are 27 warehouses in Port of Saigon area with one used by ARVN and 13 used exclusively for commercial import cargo.

BUDGET BUREAU DIRECTOR was named by White House Aug. 4 to chair a committee to follow up U.S. participation in the 1965 International Cooperation Year. President Johnson said committee was appointed "to oversee the final analysis in the context of preparing for the FY68 budget and legislative program."

SEVERAL IMPORTANT TESTS have been completed on faster and more rugged lightweight and portable dental X-ray unit, according to Brig. Gen. Colin F. Vorder Bruegge, MC, Commander, U.S. Army Medical Research and Development Command. Unit can completely process and deliver dry, high quality X-ray films at rate of one every 100 seconds. Self-contained unit requires no darkroom facilities or other processing equipment.

NEW DIRECTORATE UNDER Military Traffic Management and Terminal Service (MTMTS) will administer DOD actions relating to highways for national defense and Army-assigned portion of Defense Engineering for Transportability. MTMTS Transportation Engineering Directorate will also provide services to Defense establishment including traffic engineering and transportation safety.

ADVANCED HYDROGEN GENERATOR for use with hydrogen-air fuel cells is being tested by Army. Generator weighs 460 pounds and occupies 18 cubic feet. It is expected to make possible practical electric power system that combines very high efficiency and inexpensive liquid fuel.

MOBILE CONSTRUCTION BATTALION 133, previously scheduled to be recommissioned in mid-September, received hurry-up orders and was expected to be brought back into being at the U.S. Naval Construction Battalion Center, Gulfport, Miss., Aug. 12. Five week push-up of date was ordered so battalion could take full advantage of Gulfport training time.

CONTINENTAL AIR COMMAND'S Air Force Reserve Policy Council will meet at Robins AFB, Ga., Aug. 15-17, to consider comments, suggestions and recommendations concerning organization, training and other policy matters pertaining to Air Force Reserve.

VALIDATED SAVINGS OF more than $20 million were achieved by Air Force Communications Service in FY66 Cost Reduction Program. Bulk of savings was in telecommunications management area through deletion and realignment of communications circuits and equipment, and through manpower savings resulting from consolidation of communications functions.

LT. COL OSCAR MORALES-DUVALL, Guatemalan Air Attache to United States, is first officer of foreign nation to complete Extension Course Institute's Air Command and Staff College Professional Development Program. Gen. John P. McConnell, Air Force chief of staff, congratulated Colonel Morales-Duvall for attaining score of 99.33 percent on final examination.

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Background for Commanders

THE ROAD TO PEACE*

If the road to peace were simple and easy the world would have made the journey long ago.

We cannot attain peace by annihilating the aggressor—nor can we attain it by abandoning the field to the aggressor. For neither of these solutions touches the heart of the problem—which is the achievement of justice and the rule of law both within and among nations.

Law not served by power is an illusion; but **power not ruled by law is a menace which our nuclear age cannot afford.**

The basic law of the United Nations is that each nation abjures the use of armed force as an instrument of national policy—and agrees to submit its international disputes to peaceful settlement under the rule of law.

The Last Resort Against Aggression

There are situations the United Nations cannot reach. Vietnam, up to now, has been one. In this circumstance, there must come into play the last resort against aggression: **the "inherent right of individual or collective self-defense against armed attack"** which is explicitly safeguarded by the Charter. That is the law which the United States has rightly invoked in coming to the aid of South Vietnam.

America today is in somewhat the position of the individual in a frontier settlement who, in the absence of any legal order, took upon himself the duty of opposing lawless violence. But America today bears this duty in no mood of arrogance or of reckless vigilantism —but rather in a mood of resolute search for justice and for peaceful alternatives.

The U.N. Charter lists the alternatives: "negotiations, enquiry, mediation, conciliation, arbitration, judicial settlement, resort to regional agencies, or other peaceful means of their own choice."

We have left behind us the ancient and unlamented institutions of trial by combat and other means invented for the private redressing of wrongs. We cannot rest until the international community has likewise left them behind forever.

In the light of these principles, let us consider again the struggle in Vietnam.

U.S. Aim in Vietnam

This is not a war to establish an American empire or a "sphere of influence" in Asia. Nor is it a war to threaten any legitimate interest of the people of Communist China.

Nor is this a holy war to destroy communism as an ideology. Indeed, the United States stands ready to live in peace with all countries regardless of ideology.

Nor does the United States seek in Vietnam to impose unconditional surrender; nor does it exclude any segment of the South Vietnamese people from participation by peaceful means in their country's future government.

The U.S. aim is simply this: to prevent the Viet Cong, strongly controlled and reinforced by the North, from imposing by force its claim, never tested by free elections, to be the "sole genuine representative" of the South Vietnamese people. These people, even in the midst of serious political disturbance, have manifested no visible desire to accept the rule of the Viet Cong.

Our aim is to assure for the people of South Vietnam the same opportunity to work out their own destiny—the same right of self-determination—that the U.N. Charter affirms for every nation.

One important step in the process of self-determination is the forthcoming election for a constituent assembly. The South Vietnamese Government has made a request to Secretary General U Thant for observers, and the United States strongly supports that request, and is prepared to accept and abide by the results of these elections—as well as the reunification elections contemplated by the Geneva agreements—whatever these results may be.

U.S. Proposals Summarized

ONE. There should be a mutual cessation of all types of hostilities on all sides of the conflict; an end both to bombing and to infiltration, to the killing, terrorism, and every form of violence by all of the forces involved—regular and irregular, North and South, Vietnamese and American and all others. We know already from two aerial bombing pauses, the most recent 37 days long, that it is not enough to stop the bombing over North Vietnam while the war in all its other manifestations continues. It is the war, not just the bombing, that should come to an end.

TWO. The parties to the Geneva accords of 1954 and 1962 should reconvene and should reaffirm those agreements and revitalize them as the basis for peace in Southeast Asia.

The United States pledges anew its readiness to pursue the quest for peace based on these two simple principles. We remain willing to meet in Geneva to discuss this or any other proposal for peace. The moment our willingness is matched on the other side, the way will be cleared for a peaceful end to this tragic war.

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* *Excerpted from an address by Ambassador Arthur J. Goldberg at Catholic University.*

Vinson Named Winner Of Sylvanus Thayer Award

Former Representative Carl Vinson, member of congress for 50 years and Chairman of the House Armed Services Committee for 14 years, has been named to receive the 1966 Sylvanus Thayer Award.

The award is given annually by the U.S. Military Academy's Association of Graduates to a distinguished American whose service and accomplishments in the national interest exemplify outstanding devotion to ideals expressed in the Military Academy motto, "Duty, Honor, Country."

The award, named for the Academy's Superintendent from 1817 to 1833, will be presented Sept. 10 at West Point.

13 Top AF NCOs Added To Airman Review Board

Thirteen Air Force chief master sergeants have been added to a newly established Airman Performance Report Review Board.

Prior to adding the 13 top NCOs as voting members, the board consisted of lieutenant colonels and a colonel who served as president.

The board, meeting at Randolph AFB, Tex., reviews individual applications and may approve or deny a request or take other action to correct an APR.

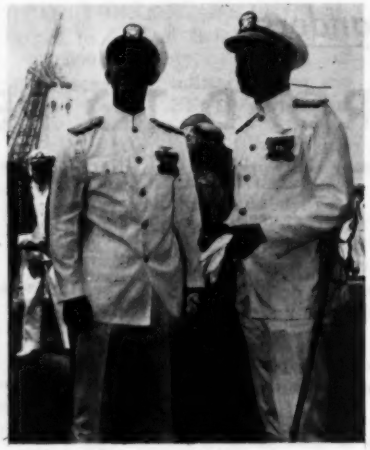
The CMSs are assigned to Air Force Headquarters.

Gemini 10 Astronaut Promoted

Gemini 10 Astronaut Michael Collins has been promoted from major to lieutenant colonel, receiving notification by telegram from the Air Force Chief of Staff.

Gen. John P. McConnell wired that orders were issued Aug. 4 which confirmed the temporary promotion.

The General also wired his and the Secretary of the Air Force's congratulations "for your significant space achievement."



CHANGE OF COMMAND—RAdm. Harry L. Harty Jr., USN, talks with RAdm. Fillmore B. Gilkeson, USN, after the former had assumed command of Antisubmarine Warfare Group THREE aboard the aircraft carrier USS Yorktown. Adm. Gilkeson has been reassigned as Commander Naval Base Subic in the Republic of the Philippines.

Over-Target Movies Employed in Vietnam

Photographs of Haiphong oil depots that recently appeared in national news magazines were taken by Navy aircraft equipped with new strike motion picture capability.

All of Navy's 7th Fleet aircraft carriers are equipped with the "strike mopix" capability.

Since July 1965, camera-carrying pods have been installed on Navy fighter-attack aircraft operating from 7th Fleet carriers off the Republic of Vietnam coast. Also, aircraft of Marine Air Group Eleven are equipped to obtain strike motion picture photography.

Air Force has been employing the camera pod on its fighter-type aircraft since the early months of U.S. air strike operations in Southeast Asia.

The strike mopix capability is being used for documentation and assessment of combat operations in Southeast Asia.

Navy at Great Lakes, Ill. Hosts Testing Conference

The eighth annual Military Testing Association Conference is being hosted this year by the Navy at Great Lakes, Ill., Sept. 19-22.

Theme of this year's conference is "Ongoing Human Appraisal," and will feature discussions and seminars on testing procedures, administration of examinations and related subjects.

The keynote address will be delivered by Dr. Lynn M. Bartlett, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Education.

Besides representatives from the U.S. military departments and the Coast Guard, service counterparts from Canada are invited and officials from the Postal Service are scheduled to attend.

Last year's host was the Air Force.

New Army Combat Weapon Goes Into Production

A new weapon for the combat soldier—a combination of the rapid fire M-16 rifle and the grenade launcher—is going into production for the Army.

The Defense Department, in making the announcement, said, "The versatility of the combined rifle and launcher adds a new dimension to the tactical needs and firepower of the soldier."

The launcher is attached to the underside of the M-16 and incorporates an aluminum barrel. It weighs just 2.8 pounds and can be fired without impairing mobility or accuracy.

Defense Communications Agency Gets New Chief of Staff

Maj. Gen. William T. Smith, USAF, became Chief of Staff of Defense Communications Agency Aug. 1, succeeding Brig. Gen. James H. Weiner, USAF, who has retired.

Gen. Smith, former Chief of Staff, Air Force Communications Service, has been serving as Deputy Director, J-6 (Communications-Electronics), Joint Chiefs of Staff.

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